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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

PROJECT USEFUL

BACKGROUND

Starting in 1954 the Central Intelligence Agency annually has presented a two-week orientation course, known as Project USEFUL, for members of the Military Establishment. This program, coordinated with the War Plans Staff/DDP, has been primarily for the Unified and Specified Commands, plus certain representatives of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and more recently the Defense Intelligence Agency. The content of the courses has dealt with the organization and functions of the Central Intelligence Agency with emphasis on our capabilities in war planning and contingency situations.

In 1964, Mr. John A. McCone, the Director of Central Intelligence, called for an abridged version of Project USEFUL to promote further understanding and cooperation in the local U.S. Intelligence Community. Since then, the Central Intelligence Agency has offered a semi-annual two-day orientation on the general organization and functions of the Agency to senior members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Defense Intelligence Agency.

PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this two-day orientation is to introduce key officials of the Central Intelligence Agency who will discuss the organization and functions of their components. Emphasis will be on the interrelationships with other members of the Intelligence Community. Because of the relatively short period of time this must be considered as merely an introduction to the role of the Central Intelligence Agency with the primary objectives of an indoctrination for members of the Defense Establishment.



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Tuesday, 25 May 1965

0830 - 0900	Registration and Administration	[REDACTED] Office of Training	25X1A
0900 - 0925	Welcome and Purpose of the Program	Richard Helms Deputy Director of Central Intelligence	
0930 - 1030	The Background of CIA, Present Organization and Functions, National Security Relationships	[REDACTED] CIA Briefing Officer	25X1A
1040 - 1130	Organization and Functions of the Directorate for Science and Technology	[REDACTED] Executive Officer, Directorate for Science & Technology	25X1A
1140 - 1230	Organization and Functions of the Directorate for Support	Col. Lawrence K. White Deputy Director for Support	
1230 - 1330	Lunch (North Cafeteria)		
1330 - 1420	Organization and Functions of the Directorate for Intelligence	Paul Borel Assistant Deputy Director for Intelligence	
1430 - 1520	Production of National Estimates	Sherman Kent Assistant Director for National Estimates	
1530 - 1630	CIA Reference Facilities	[REDACTED] Executive Assistant to the Assistant Director, Office of Central Reference	25X1A

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0900 - 1000	The National Photographic Interpretation Center	[REDACTED] Deputy Director, National Photographic Interpretation Center	25X1A
1010 - 1100	Organization and Functions of the Clandestine Services	[REDACTED] Assistant Deputy Director for Plans	25X1A
1110 - 1145	War and Contingency Planning	[REDACTED] Acting Chief War Plans Staff	25X1A
1150 - 1230	CIA Coordination Functions	[REDACTED] FI Staff	25X1A
1230 - 1330	Lunch (North Cafeteria)		
1330 - 1420	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	25X1A
1430 - 1520	CIA Counterinsurgency Responsibilities	[REDACTED] Officer	25X1A
1530 - 1620	Functions and Responsibilities of an Area Division	[REDACTED] Chief, Near East Division	25X1A
1630 -	Closing Remarks	Vice Admiral William F. Raborn, Jr. USN (Ret.) Director of Central Intelligence	

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